

Yorkshire & North East Branch Newsletter

Summer 2024

University of Sheffield double award win

Two students from the University of Sheffield have been announced as the regional winners at the Women in Property Yorkshire & North East Student Awards. **Jess Pugh**, studying Architecture was described by the judges as “very mature and empathetic, an eloquent and interesting speaker”. **Ayesha Rauf**, studying Civil & Structural Engineering, was described by the judges as “unassuming and inspiring, she had a calming effect throughout the meeting.”.



Samantha Angus also from the University of Sheffield was Highly Commended. April Marsden, Branch Chair and Associate Director at Bowman Riley, emphasised the ongoing collaboration between universities and businesses in the region to nurture skilled professionals in the face of a persistent skills shortage, and gender imbalance in the industry.

The Women in Property Student Awards programme, sponsored nationally by Amazon, Bouygues UK, Savills and tp bennett, as well as regionally by GFW and Ryder, aims to showcase top-performing built environment students and highlight the diverse career opportunities within the industry. Jessica Douglas, HR and Recruitment Manager at GFW said: “We’re proud to champion women making their mark in the property sector. Both winners are hugely deserving of the accolade and we’re sure they’ll go far.” Sophie Walker, Associate at Ryder said: “We are proud to have been at the forefront of supporting young people into the construction industry for many years, and it is fantastic to see the strength of talent continue to flourish.”

The national final, on Thursday 19th September in London, will see Jess and Ayesha compete against 12 other students from across the UK for the prestigious national award. The winner will be announced at the [Best of the Best Dinner](#) at Claridge’s later that evening.

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Events

- [Leeds Summer Drinks 2024 at The Cut and Craft](#)
Leeds, 4 July 2024 6:00pm
- [Harnessing your financial power – Planning your dream retirement](#)
Virtual, 9 July 2024 12.00pm
- [Stand up paddle boarding](#)
Leeds, 18 July 2024 4.45pm
- [NARS masterclass Harvey Nichols](#)
Leeds, 1 August 2024 5.30pm

Got an idea?

We’re always keen to ensure you get maximum benefit from being a member of Women in Property.

If you’ve got an idea for an event or webinar, would like to sponsor an event—or simply have a great idea that you think will add value, then please get in touch with a member of the committee.

[Visit the branch page of the Women in Property website.](#)

New York, New York

Following the success of recently well-attended events in York, we are forming a York sub-committee to plan more events in the historic city.

Two site visits are currently being planned and details will follow shortly. Thanks to Nineteen47 and Yorkshire Archaeology for sponsoring the Lesser-Known York event and to Monica Green for organizing the Spring Netwalk. If you'd like to join the York sub-committee contact [Monica](#).



Inspiring Inclusion

Our outreach committee and volunteers from Taylor Wimpey, Wates, Devonshires, William Saunders and Local Dialogue helped pupils from Grimes Dyke Primary School in Leeds learn about the different jobs on a construction site. Working in teams using the school's loose parts area, they designed and built their own freestanding structures. These included pirate ships, rockets, office spaces, cars, and gyms. Pupils were also able to quiz the professionals about their careers.

Member News



Family-run Brocksbushes has received funding from the Commercial Property Investment Fund, with support from **Lesley Telford** (pictured left) at FW Capital, to develop a new 30,000 sq ft building which will house a new modern Farm Shop, Deli, Butchery, Café and Playbarn, offering all year-round entertainment for children.

Jenny Kitchen and **Natalie Sarabia-Johnston** have followed their passion for youth engagement by co-founding Constructive Futures CIC. Alongside running their own businesses, they are on a mission to promote careers in the built environment and provide experiences of work to students age 15 to 25.

Monica Green, Director of Partners PR has been appointed as a coach to the Good Growth Programme, which provides ambitious businesses across West Yorkshire with expert support worth £5,000 to help plan and implement short and long-term growth, for just £500. **Helen Randerson**, Partnerships Director at Gleeson, has joined the Association for Rental Living's Single Family Housing committee, designed to support the sector to deliver high-quality new homes that meet the needs of institutional investors and operators, whilst providing secure, professionally managed housing for families. **Samantha Jevons** has been promoted to Senior Associate at Bowman Riley in recognition of her marketing and business development skills, commitment and positive contribution to the business.

Faye Durkin, Head of Nature (North) for Greengage Environmental, has been named on the ENDS report power list of environmental professionals who have made the greatest impact in the past two years. Faye has also co-authored a 'how to' guide on England's first phase of mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain. [Download the guide here.](#)

Member spotlight



Emma Winter BA (Hons), MSc MRTPI
Planning Consultant/Partner
Carter Jonas LLP

Emma joined Women in Property in 2022 sitting on the Yorkshire and North East Committee and is involved in the Mentoring Scheme.

Emma is a chartered Town Planner and Partner in the Planning and Development Team in the Leeds office at Carter Jonas and has been with the firm for 14 years. Carter Jonas is a leading UK property consultancy and estate agent providing national and local expertise in relation to commercial, residential, rural, planning, development and infrastructure, from 34 offices across the UK.

Emma joined Women in Property to connect with like-minded women in similar industries and to grow a network of close friends.

She said: "Being a member of WiP provides me with a supportive environment where everyone is so friendly. I have benefited so much from the Mentoring Scheme, having a mentor has really helped me focus on my goals and grow in confidence.

"I have now also become a mentor and it is really rewarding being able to provide support to other members of WiP. I would encourage anyone in the industry to join Women in Property and take advantage of the opportunity to become a mentor or a mentee, or both!"

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